## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An arylamine compound of the formula:

$$Z$$
-(Ar-NX)<sub>n</sub>-Ar-(NX-Ar)<sub>n</sub>-Z, (I)

wherein,

Ar independently each occurrence is a group comprising one or more divalent aromatic groups, and optionally two Ar groups separated by a single NX group may be joined together by a second covalent bond or by a bridging group, thereby forming a fused multiple ring system;

X is an inert substituent or a cross-linkable group, with the proviso that in at least one occurrence in said compound, X is a crosslinkable group;

Z independently each occurrence is hydrogen or a leaving group halo, cyano, triflate

azide, 
$$-B(OR^1)_2$$
, or  $-B \stackrel{O}{\longrightarrow} R^2$ 

wherein  $R^1$ , independently in each occurrence, is hydrogen or a  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl group, and  $R^2$ , independently each occurrence, is a  $C_{2-10}$  alkylene group,

n is 1 or 2; and

n' is 0, 1 or 2.

2. (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein X in at least one occurrence is a moiety containing a double bond, a triple bond, a precursor capable of in situ formation of a double bond, or a heterocyclic, addition polymerizable group.

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3. (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein X in at least one occurrence is

selected from the group consisting of benzocyclobutanyl groups and substituted  $C_{6-12}$  arylene

groups containing one or more substituents selected, from the group consisting of

benzocyclobutane, azide, oxirane, di(hydrocarbyl)amino, cyanate ester, hydroxy, glycidyl ether,

C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylacrylate, C.sub.1-4 alkylmethacrylate, ethenyl, ethenyloxy, perfluoroethenyloxy,

ethynyl, maleimide,  $tri(C_{1-4})$ -alkylsiloxy, tri(C.sub.1-4)alkylsilyl, and halogenated

derivatives thereof.

4. (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein X in at least one occurrence is

1-benzo-3,4-cyclobutane or 4-phenyl-1-(benzo-3,4-cyclobutane).

5. (canceled).

6. (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein Ar each occurrence is

phenylene, 9,9-di(C<sub>1-20</sub>alkyl)fluorenyl, or a combination thereof; X is 3,4-benzocyclobutan-1-yl,

ethenyl or p-ethenylphenyl; Z is bromine or hydrogen; n is 1 or 2; and n' is 0 or 1.

7. (original): A compound according to claim 6 wherein Ar each occurrence is

phenylene; each X group is 3,4-benzocyclobutan-1-yl; Z each occurrence is bromine; n is 1 or 2;

and n' is 0.

8. (original): A compound according to claim 7 wherein n is 1.

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9. (original): A compound according to claim 1 having the formula:

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wherein Y is a covalent bond, O, S or NR; where

R independently each occurrence is i) hydrogen; ii) halogen; iii) a C<sub>1-20</sub> hydrocarbyl group; iv) a hydrocarbyl group substituted with one or more heteroatom containing groups containing up to 20 atoms not counting hydrogen and wherein the heteroatom is selected from S, N, O, P, B or Si; v) a halogenated derivative of iii) or iv); or vi) a substituted derivative of iii) or iv) wherein the substituent is a crosslinkable X group; and

n, n', X, and Z are as previously defined in claim 1.

10. (withdrawn): An oligomer or polymer having one or more repeating groups of the formula:

$$Z'$$
-(Ar-NX')<sub>n</sub>-Ar-(NX'-Ar)<sub>n'</sub>- $Z'$ <sub>, (Ia)</sub>

where X' is X or a divalent crosslinked remnant formed by addition polymerization of a crosslinkable X group;

Z' is Z, a covalent bond, or a terminal group formed by replacement or reaction of a leaving group;

Ar independently each occurrence is a divalent aromatic group, and optionally two Ar groups separated by a single NX group may be joined together by a second covalent bond or by a bridging group, thereby forming a fused multiple ring system;

X is an inert substituent, with the proviso that in at least one occurrence in said compound, X is a crosslinkable group;

Z independently each occurrence is hydrogen or a leaving group,

n is 1 or 2; and

n' is 0, 1 or 2.

11. (withdrawn): An oligomer or polymer according to claim 10 having one or more repeating groups Ia) of the formula:

$$z \longrightarrow \underset{X}{\stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow}} \underset{X}{\stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow}} \underset{n}{\stackrel{V}{\longrightarrow}} z$$

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where X' is X or a divalent crosslinked remnant formed by addition polymerization of a crosslinkable X group;

X is an inert substituent or a group capable of forming crosslinking functionality;

Y is O, S or NR';

R independently each occurrence is i) hydrogen; ii) halogen; iii) a C<sub>1-20</sub> hydrocarbyl group; iv) a hydrocarbyl group substituted with one or more heteroatom containing groups

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containing up to 20 atoms not counting hydrogen and wherein the heteroatom is selected from S,

N, O, P, B or Si; v) a halogenated derivative of iii) or iv); or vi) a substituted derivative of iii) or

iv) wherein the substituent is a crosslinkable X group;

Z' is Z, a covalent bond or a terminal group formed by replacement or reaction of a

leaving group;

n is 1 or 2; and

n' is 0, 1 or 2.

12. (withdrawn): A crosslinked polymer according to claim 10 or 11 wherein X' in at

least one occurrence is a divalent crosslinked remnant formed by addition polymerization of a

crosslinkable X group.

13. (withdrawn): A crosslinked polymer according to claim 12, wherein X' comprises

conjugated unsaturation.

14. (withdrawn): A process for preparing oligomers or polymers according to claim

10, which comprises heating a composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 under

reaction conditions sufficient to form an oligomer or polymer.

15. (withdrawn): A film comprising one or more of the oligomers or polymers

according to claim 10 or preparable according to claim 14.

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16. (withdrawn): An electronic device comprising one or more layers of polymer films, at least one of which comprises a film according to claim 15.

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